

**Congress of the United States**  
Washington, DC 20510

October 21, 2013

The Honorable Barack Obama  
President of the United States of America  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Obama:

Thank you for the recent Major Disaster Declaration for the Santa Clara Pueblo and the state of New Mexico. In light of more recent extreme weather events, we would again respectfully request that you take swift action regarding the Governor of Santa Clara Pueblo's October 11, 2013 request for major disaster declaration as a result of severe flooding and thunderstorms in the month of September.

The Santa Clara Pueblo experienced significant damage as a result of severe thunderstorms and post-fire flooding during the time period of September 13-16, 2013. During this time period, all of the safety infrastructure built to deal with monsoonal rains causing flooding off of the 2011 Las Conchas Fire burn scar was destroyed as a result of severe rain and the associated flood event. Four dams acting as the primary means to control water in Santa Clara Creek leading to the Pueblo's residential area were completely destroyed and roads, bridges, and community facilities experienced significant damage.

In light of the ongoing losses and possible long-term impacts from these flooding events, we would request your expedited attention to the Santa Clara Pueblo's request for disaster designation and assistance. We again thank you for your attention to the extreme weather events impacting our state, and look forward to working more with you to ensure the safety of our constituents.

Sincerely,



Tom Udall  
United States Senator



Martin Heinrich  
United States Senator



Steve Pearce  
United States Representative



Ben Ray Lujan  
United States Representative



Michelle Lujan Grisham  
United States Representative